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Playground Recreation Association
351-4th Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I will be very much your debtor if you can supply me with a list of the Community Houses and Community Centers of the United States--and any similar Centers for the bringing together of people in the older and simpler humanities-- and of course there is no solvent more Universal for any grade than singing together. Inclosed circular letter will tell you my reasons for this request. Every leader of Community Choruses, every teacher of Mass Singing in Schools or elsewhere realizes the difficulty *of Songs (Fit To Be Sung)* and at the same time of that quality that makes everybody glad to sing them. If the Songs written 50 years ago were all wiped out of our country it would be mighty hard to conduct a Community Chorus today! Probably this thought has occurred to you.

These Folksongs of Patriarchal California ~~all~~ which I have saved in my forty years of study, have stood the test of a Century among a truly musical people. Within the last three years they have proved their welcome and their value to "American" singers and choruses, in a dozen cities out here, where they have become the First-choice favorites of Choruses aggregating thousands.

This is not a commercial venture with me, ~~all~~ that I "make" goes back into saving more songs-- but I have a very deep desire that these heart felt and heart reaching songs, which were the flowers of the Romance of California shall not be permitted to die, but shall be transplanted to bloom anew in the hearts of my countrymen.

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If there is any clerical expense involved in the preparation of the list I request, please advise me and I will be glad to remit. And if you will tell me that it will be welcome in your own office I shall be glad to send you a complimentary copy that you may see how genuine these Folksongs are ~~and~~ how marvelously adapted to the very needs of Community Centers.

With best wishes.

Sincerely Yours

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